

DELTA PROTECTION COMMISSION
MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE 2009 – PLANNING ADVISORY TEAM
March 5, 2009 Meeting Summary

1. Welcome and Introductions

Linda Fiack, Delta Protection Commission (DPC), and Dorian Fougères, Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP), CSUS, welcomed Management Plan Update Planning Advisory Team (PAT) members to their ninth and final meeting. The objectives of the meeting were to (1) review input from the second round of Public Review Draft public workshops, Commission members, and other interested parties; and (2) revise the Public Review Draft Plan for Commission review on March 26, 2009.

2. Review of Input from Second Round of Public Workshops

Dorian reviewed the discussion themes from the public workshops in Isleton and Courtland. These included (1) specifying “appropriate buffers”, including cross-county consistency and how distances will be interpreted and applied; (2) the pros and cons of Land Use Policy 4’s options; (3) the need for additional Recreation policies regarding debris and abandoned vessels; (4) the pros and cons of Water Policy 5; (5) referencing levee vegetation standards; and (6) the protection of private property in Utilities Policy 2.

3. Revisions to Public Review Draft Plan

The Team then worked through an extensive matrix of public comments from the workshops, organized by element and policy. The Team made several changes based on public comment to the Land Use, Levees, and Utilities elements, with a few changes to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, Water, and Recreation elements. These will be reflected in a revised Public Review Draft of the Plan.

In addition to the policies, the Team also suggested adding language to the Introduction about how the Plan will be implemented, and possibly adding this at the start of each Element (since people will likely skip right to the policies). Regarding the glossary, the Team noted the need to define “agriculture-dependent residential units” if it still was mentioned in the final text, and possibly also “non-agricultural residential development.” Given the complexity of defining these terms, it was suggested that DPC staff might need to flag difficult words for the Commission to discuss. It was noted that a tension exists between having common, standardized definitions for all counties, and preserving local government jurisdiction and flexibility.

4. Next Steps

The public will have the opportunity to review the revised Public Review Draft once it is posted on the DPC website in preparation for the March 26, 2009, Commission meeting (approximately 10 days in advance of the meeting). Beginning at its March 26, 2009, meeting, the Commission will hold a series of three public hearings.

5. Attendance

In room:

Kathy Kelly
Gil Labrie (public)
Topper van Loben Sels
Mike McGowan
Mark Wilson

Staff:

Doug Brown, Douglas
Environmental
Linda Fiack, DPC
Dorian Fougères, CCP
Alex Westhoff, DPC